

THE CITY FOCUS

Many Street Improvement Projects Underway for this Summer

The City is currently engaged in a wide-range of street improvement projects designed to enhance safety and mobility throughout Colonial Heights.

There are a variety of both new construction and maintenance projects to improve and repair streets on-going this Summer. Work at the following locations is anticipated to begin no later than August and continue through the Fall of this year:

- **On the Boulevard in the area of the Government Center** - streetscape enhancements to include new sidewalks, curb and gutter, ornamental luminaires and street trees;
- **In the area of Colonial Heights Middle School** - pedestrian improvements to include new sidewalks, crosswalks and traffic calming;
- **At the intersection of Charles Dimmock Parkway and Jennick Drive** - new traffic signal to include pedestrian safety facilities; and
- **In the area of the Mount Pleasant Neighborhood** - resurfacing to include patching and sealing of pavements.

The development of other street improvement projects are also underway at the following locations, as indicated:

- **At the intersection of Southpark Boulevard and Charles Dimmock Parkway** – traffic improvements to ease congestion including addition of a right-turn lane and sidewalk on the northbound approach. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2011;
- **On the Boulevard from Westover to Lafayette** – complete reconstruction to improve safety and aesthetics including pavement widening, new sidewalks and streetscape enhancements. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2012;

- **At Temple Avenue and Conduit Road** – extension of the right-turn lane on the westbound approach to ease congestion. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2012;
- **At Temple Avenue and Charles Dimmock Parkway** – addition of a left-turn lane on the westbound approach to ease congestion. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2012;
- **On Lakeview Avenue from Boulevard to Bridjan Lane**– complete reconstruction to improve safety and aesthetics including pavement widening, new sidewalks and streetscape enhancements. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2014; and
- **On Dupuy Avenue from Battery Place to the Westerly City Limits**– complete reconstruction to improve safety and aesthetics including pavement widening, new sidewalks and streetscape enhancements. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2014.

For more information, about current and upcoming projects, please contact staff of the Department of Public Works at (804) 520-9334.

**See building plans and
schematics for the new
Colonial Heights
City Courthouse
at**

www.colonial-heights.com/CourthouseProject.htm

Comprehensive Plan

Help Shape the Future Direction of Colonial Heights

The City is seeking your input through the Comprehensive Plan Update Survey.

The City is in the midst of updating its Comprehensive Plan. **To that end, the Planning Commission and the City Council invite residents, business owners and others with an interest in the city's future to participate in the City of Colonial Heights Comprehensive Plan Update Survey.**

The survey, which is included as an insert in this newsletter, is intended to collect the opinions of residents, business owners, and others on issues that will be addressed in the comprehensive plan update. The plan will provide a guide for shaping the future direction of the city. It will address many issues that impact our quality of life, such as natural resource protection, transportation, housing, economic development, recreation, and community services.

The survey can also be accessed online at: <http://www.colonial-heights.com/>. Hard copies of the survey are also available at the Colonial Heights Library, Senior Center and City Hall.

The deadline to participate in the survey is Friday, September 16, 2011.

Please remember that Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts are still in effect



**All residents and businesses
are encouraged to make
every effort to help conserve
and protect this important
resource**

Visit

www.colonial-heights.com/CityManagerWaterRestrictions.htm
for more information.

CH Councilmember John Wood Elected to Tri-Cities MPO Board

The Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has elected its officers for fiscal year 2011-12. Jerry Skalsky, Vice-Chairman of the Prince George County Board of Supervisors, was re-elected MPO Chairman, and John T. Wood, a member of the Colonial Heights City Council, was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is the federally designated regional transportation planning organization that serves as the forum for cooperative transportation decision-making in the urbanized portion of the Crater Planning District. The Tri-Cities Area MPO Study Area encompasses the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg and the urbanizing portions of southern Chesterfield, Dinwiddie and Prince George Counties.

See www.craterpdc.org/transportation/mpo.htm, for more information about the Tri-Cities MPO and current transportation plans and programs.

2011-12 CDBG Emergency Home Repair Program Applications are Now Available

Applications for the 2011-12 CDBG Emergency Home Repair Program are being accepted through **September 30, 2011**. A grant of up to \$8,000 is available for owner-occupied households to assist with specific home repairs or activities that eliminate conditions detrimental to the safety and health of the residents. Homeowners must meet income eligibility guidelines based on HUD requirements.

Eligible activities or repairs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- faulty roofs,
- unsafe electrical, heating or plumbing systems,
- faulty porches and steps, and
- accessibility improvements.



The program is available citywide; however, priority will be given to households in the Violet Bank-Flora Hill and Shepherd Stadium districts. Priority will also be given to low-income households, persons who are elderly or disabled, first-time applicants and those that need repairs that constitute an emergency.

Applications are available at the Planning Department on the first floor of City Hall located at 201 James Avenue. Applications are also available on the City's website at www.colonial-heights.com, or by calling 804-520-9382.

Captain Early to attend FBI National Academy

Captain William K. Early has been selected to attend the 247th Session of the prestigious FBI National Academy. The training is a 10 week program from October 2nd - December 16th, 2011, which focuses on a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serve to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Upon Captain Early's graduation, he will join Police Chief Jeffrey W. Faries as alumni of the program.

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**City Council
Meetings
2nd Tuesdays
CH City Hall
at 7:00pm**



**Seconds Count in an
Emergency, Get Notified!**

REGISTER NOW

The City of Colonial Heights has recently upgraded its emergency notification system. Beginning August 1, 2011, the City will use the CodeRED Emergency Notification System and it is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications and the distribution of information considered to be important.

This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the City in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action, such as an evacuation, contaminated water, hazardous chemical spill, etc. This system is capable of dialing the entire City within minutes. It then delivers a message describing the situations to a live person or an answering machine in the affected area, possibly including instructions requiring immediate action on the part of the recipient.

Please register today! To ensure that we capture all residents and businesses who would like to receive these notifications, please register EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THESE NOTICES FROM OUR PRIOR SYSTEM.

Sign up online at www.colonial-heights.com or call Colonial Heights Fire Administration at (804) 520-9387 for assistance.

Should you at anytime desire to be removed from the calling list you may do so by calling Colonial Heights Fire Administration at (804) 520-9387.

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City of Colonial Heights Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey

The deadline to participate in this survey is Friday, September 16, 2011. After completing the survey, you may fax it to (804) 524-8755, scan and email it to sherryj@colonial-heights.com or mail, or hand-deliver it to:

City of Colonial Heights, City Hall, Planning Department:

201 James Avenue,
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

1. What three words or phrases best describe your vision for the City of Colonial Heights in the next 20 to 30 years?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For questions 2-6, rank each action on a scale from 1-6 (1 being the highest priority and 6 being the lowest priority) based on how you feel the City should focus its resources in the next 20 to 30 years.

2. Natural, Cultural and Recreational Resources

	Develop walking/bike paths throughout the City		Protect historic resources from new development
	Provide more teen/youth services		Provide more senior services
	Develop a community center and pool facility		Identify and protect wetlands and wildlife habitats
Additional Natural, Cultural and Recreational Resources comments:			

3. Business and Economy

	Enhance opportunities for small business development		Prioritize job growth
	Limit new commercial development to existing commercial areas		Redevelop the area around Southpark Mall to include a mixture of uses such as residential and office
	Provide financial incentives to help business development		Restrict commercial development (i.e. types, site design, landscaping...)
Additional Business and Economy comments:			

4. Housing and Neighborhoods

	Protect historic homes and buildings by allowing tax incentives for rehabilitation		Provide opportunities for townhouses and/or senior apartments
	Provide more code enforcement (building, property maintenance and rental inspections)		Identify housing policies for the City's aging population
	Provide incentives to encourage redevelopment of residential areas		Make investments to improve the condition of neighborhood parks and play areas
Additional Housing and Neighborhoods comments:			

5. Transportation

	Improve traffic flow in residential neighborhoods		Make the City more walkable by developing more sidewalks and paths
	Improve facilities for bicyclists to include paths and bike lanes		Improve traffic flow and business access along Temple Avenue
	Improve traffic flow and business access along the Boulevard		Provide public transportation
Additional Transportation comments:			

6. Public Facilities and Services

	Improve internet and cable services		Invest in schools to retain a high level of education
	Create more community meeting space		Provide curb and gutter on all streets
	Maintain roads and sidewalks		Rehabilitate older facilities
Additional Public Facilities and Services comments:			

7. Do you live in the City? If no, skip to question 8.

- a. What do you like best about living in the City?
- b. What do you like least about living in the City?
- c. How many years have you lived here?
- d. What neighborhood do you live in?

8. What specific observations or recommendations would you make about the Boulevard Business Corridor?**9. What specific observations or recommendations would you make about the Southpark Mall area?****10. Do you work in the City of Colonial Heights? If not, in what locality do you work?****11. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes or higher fees to address issues you may have identified above? _____Yes _____No**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS MAY BE PROVIDED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

Stay Involved:

Information about the Comprehensive Plan Update will be on the City's website <http://www.colonial-heights.com>. Notices for meetings and draft postings will be sent out on *e-news!*, the City's electronic newsletter. If you would like to receive this newsletter, please provide your email address:

If you have any questions about this survey, or the Comprehensive Plan, call 804-520-9382.